

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8 and 15 are amended. Claims 2, 9, and 16 were canceled in the previously filed Amendment.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, and 3-8 and 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant notes that in the paragraphs following the rejection that claim 15 and its depending claims are discussed in addition to the claims noted above. Accordingly, claim 15 and its depending claims are addressed here as well. The independent claims, claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended to correct the noted failure to comply. The claims depending from claims 1, 8, and 15 are also corrected as being dependent on a corrected claim.

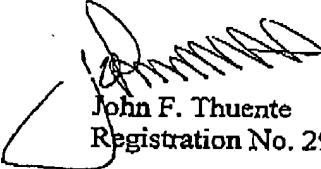
Claims 1, and 3-8 and 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant notes that in the paragraphs following the rejection that claim 15 and its depending claims are discussed in addition to the claims noted above. Accordingly, claim 15 and its depending claims are addressed here as well. The independent claims, claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended to correct the noted indefiniteness. The claims depending from claims 1, 8, and 15 are also corrected as being dependent on a corrected claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application has been corrected of its noted rejections under 35 USC 112. Withdrawal of those rejections is therefore requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,


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